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Minutes of the first meeting of CEN/TC264 WG2 ODOURS  
 Convened in Amsterdam, The Netherlands on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 1991.

At the first meeting of the CEN/TC264 WG2 ODOURS meeting the following participants were present:

Attendance			
Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
⊗	⊗	Convenor	Mr. A.Ph. van Harreveld
⊗	⊗	Secretariat	Ms. M. van den Berg
	⊗	Austria	Mr. H. Eberhardt
		Belgium	Mr. H. Van Langenhove
⊗	⊗	Denmark	K. Boholt
⊗	⊗	Finland	Ms. A. Laukkarinen
⊗	⊗	France	Ms. M.L. Perrin
			Mr. Degobert
⊗	⊗	Germany	Ms. M. Paduch
⊗	⊗		Dr. R. Roth
⊗	⊗		Prof.Dr. G. Winneke
		Greece	-
		Iceland	-
⊗	⊗	Ireland	Ms. B. Brennan
			Ms. I. Shanahan
⊗	⊗	Italy	Mr. P Mastropasqua
		Luxembourg	-
⊗	⊗	Netherlands	Mr. H. Harssema
⊗	⊗		Mr. Walpot (observer)
		Norway	-
		Portugal	Mr. J. Gomes
		Spain	-
⊗	⊗	Sweden	Mr. B. Steen
⊗	⊗	Switzerland	Mr. M. Hangartner
	⊗	United Kingdom	Mr. M. Woodfield
⊗	⊗		Mr. C. Clarkson

The meeting was opened by the convenor, and the participants welcomed.

The secretary, Ms. van den Berg, gave a general introduction on the task and the structure of CEN and its committees.

Then a round of introductions was held, that included an overview of the participants background and their involvement and experience in the field of olfactometry. Also, the current practice, standards and environmental quality standards that involve odours were discussed during this general introduction.

In the ensuing general discussion, that was conducted in a free ranging manner in order to identify general lines of thought, it turned out that a remarkable degree of agreement existed on the general approach to be taken. Results of this discussion have been included in a formal list of resolutions.

Most importantly, agreement was reached on the general philosophy of the draft European standard, in that it should be based on minimum performance criteria and not on a rigorous and detailed specification of equipment, techniques and procedures. This will leave laboratories the freedom to pursue either existing or new to be developed methodology, providing that they demonstrate compliance of their results with the performance criteria that are to be laid down in the draft standard. These performance criteria should be based on reference materials so that traceability to primary standard materials can be achieved.

Finally the scope of the draft standard was discussed and formulated in detail. The feasibility to cover the entire scope in the proposed time schedule was discussed, and the conclusion drawn that it was likely not all areas specified in the scope would be fully worked out at the proposed time for completion, 1993. When time would limit the areas to be covered, it was decided that sampling would be given a lower priority in allocation

of time and resources.

*The German delegation stresses the importance of this work*

It was noted by most members that the lack of proper financial means for the work of the CEN/TC264 WG2 ODOURS, for which no budget has been found so far, makes the feasibility of completion of the task set uncertain. A broader financial support than the contribution of the employers of participants must be found.

Finally, a date was set for the next meeting and a list of resolutions was formally approved. The list of resolutions is document CEN/TC264/WG2/N041/2.

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